

Art,
Literacy



& Learning

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WHAT'S
SO
GREAT
ABOUT
ART ???



Art promotes
Hands-On
Self-Directed
Learning



Art engages
Children's Senses



in Open- Ended Play

Art Experience
develops
specific skills:

- Cognitive
- Emotional
- Social
- Multi-Sensory



Eric Erickson's

BUILDING BLOCKS for healthy child development:

1) Cognitive

2) Emotional

3) Social

4) Kinesthetic/Sensory



The Art & Literacy Connection:



HOW DOES IT HAPPEN ?

ART BUILDS:
Spatial Relations
& Visual Literacy



COMMON ELEMENTS



Language

- Lines
- Shapes
- Letters
- Words
- Sentences

Art

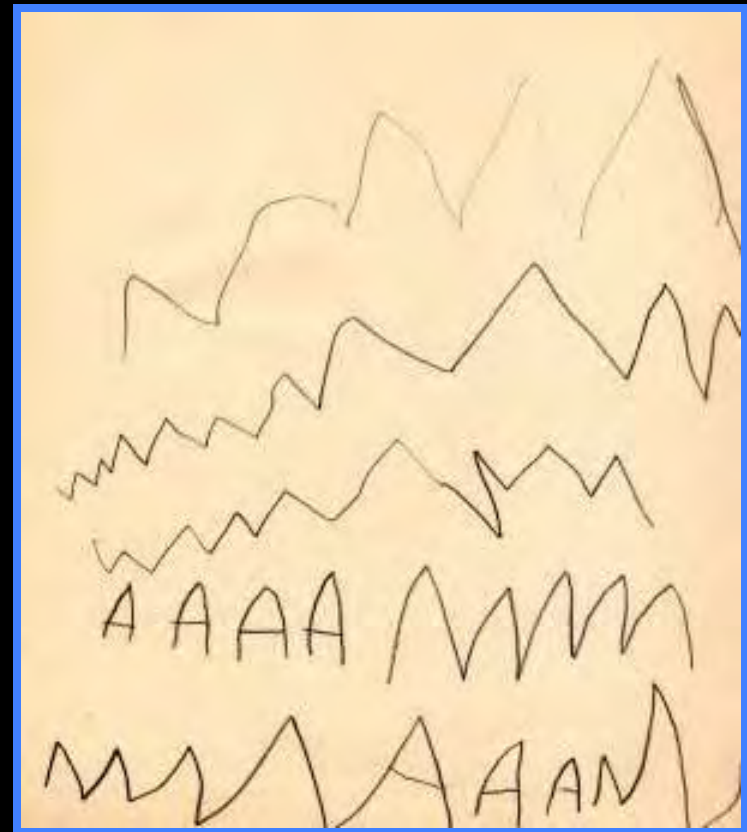
- Lines
- Shapes
- Color
- Texture
- Volume

COMMON ELEMENTS: Lines & Shapes





Art promotes **PRINT AWARENESS**



Art promotes symbol awareness



3.5 year old



2.5 year old

Art Enhances

Eye – Hand – Brain Coordination





BioColor Bird Prints combine 1 footprint + 2 handprints

Art Enhances Verbal & Visual Creativity





Balloon Art: Open
Ended Discovery



Balloon Art: Torn &
made into an animal

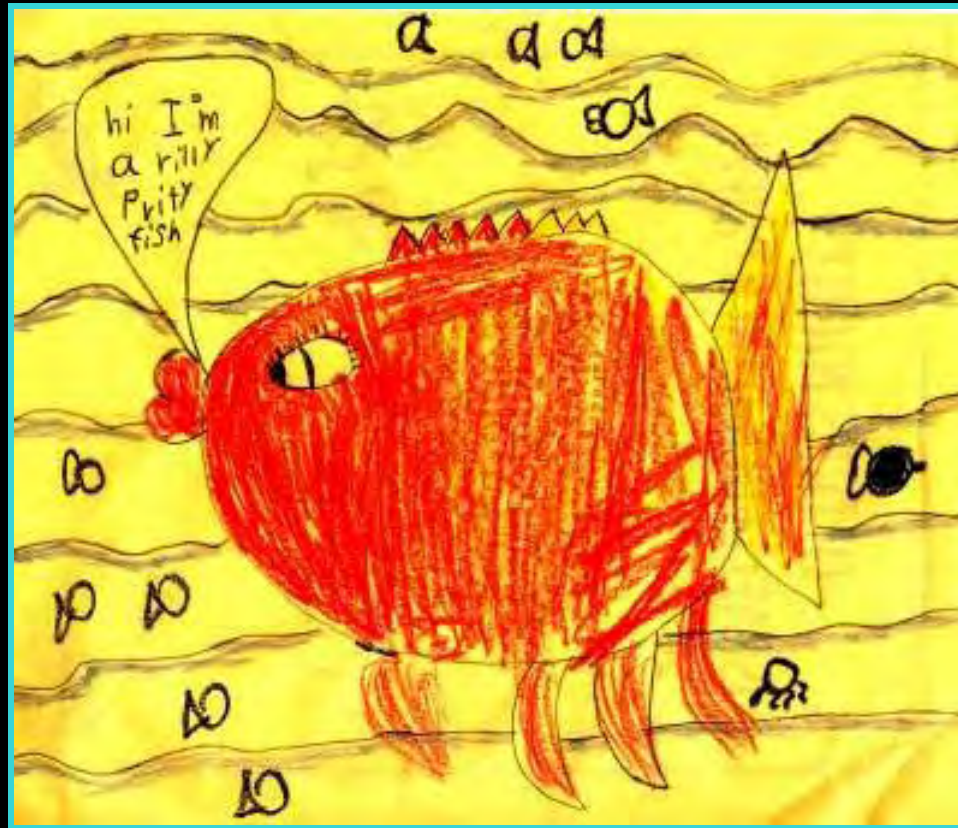
Art Builds
Aesthetic
Awareness
& Self Esteem



Art is a language... not a decoration



Meaningful art experiences provide children with
AUTHENTIC SELF EXPRESSION



The freedom of choice, thought & feeling.

CHILDREN WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE ARTS:

- Imagine, create, express.
- Interpret & reflect life.
- Develop self confidence & self discipline.
- Experience an important window
to different cultures & values.
- Think critically, solve problems,
and make informed judgments.
- Work cooperatively in groups.
- Appreciate others points of view.
- Are open to new pathways for learning all subjects.

